

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate
3 Bill No. 9 entitled “An act relating to the authority of the State Auditor to
4 examine the books and records of State contractors” respectfully reports that it
5 has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking
6 out Sec. 3, effective dates, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
7 Sec. 3 and a Sec. 4 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 3. STATE CONTRACTING; SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION;
9 AUDIT AUTHORITY

10 On or before October 1, 2023, the Secretary of Administration shall include
11 in Administrative Bulletin 3.5 a requirement that State contracts include terms
12 and conditions authorizing the State Auditor of Accounts to have discretion to
13 examine the records, accounts, books, papers, reports, and returns in all
14 formats of any contractor that provides services to the State in compliance with
15 32 V.S.A. § 163.

16 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE